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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No.	68,002-942
First Inventor	Broich, et al.
Title	SUPPLY SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPERATION
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
 See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages (46)]
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 Descriptive title of the invention
 Cross reference to related applications
 Statement regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a
 Computer program listing appendix
 Background of the Invention
 Brief Summary of the invention
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 Detailed description
 Claim(s)
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 Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
 Named in the prior application, see 37 CFR
 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement ☐ Copies of IDS
 (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
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 Prior application information: Examiner Shapiro, J. Group Art Unit: 3651

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Filing Date	Herewith
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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	\$740
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	
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Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid
Total Claims				
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Indep. Claims	2	2-3** = 0	X	=
Multiple Dependent				=

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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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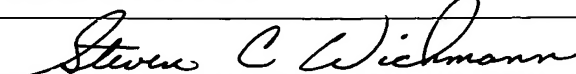
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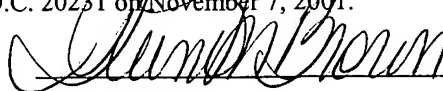


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